

Pet. Centre, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.,
JULY 27th, 1885.

Until further notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows:

ARRIVE.
South and East, via Irwin, 10:25 A. M.
South and West, " Mendville, 5:15 P. M.
North and East, " Corry, 2:55 " "
DEPART.
South and West, 5:45 A. M.
South, East and West, 2:30 P. M.
North, East and West, 10:00 A. M.
H. E. BLACKMON, P. M.

Divine Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. T. OXLEY, Pastor.

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Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. C. M. HEARD, Pastor.

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Mass at 10 1/2 a. m.
Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m.
Catechism at 2 p. m.

JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

THE MAINE SENATORSHIP.—A Washington dispatch says: "Mr. Peters, of Maine, arrived here to-day from Augusta. He says that but for the fact that between Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Morrill, Mr. Fessenden preferred the latter, Mr. Morrill would have been at least ten votes stronger. Mr. Fessenden had a very bitter personal quarrel with Mr. Hamlin in the last Senatorial fight in which he was elected over Mr. Hamlin by aid of Mr. Lincoln's patronage. Although Mr. Morrill has no sympathy with Mr. Fessenden's conservative notions, yet so bitter is the hostility to Mr. Fessenden, since his vote on impeachment, that men vote for Hamlin to get the nearest approach they can to a blow at Fessenden. Mr. Peters thinks that not a single member of the Legislature is friendly to Mr. Fessenden. Telegrams this evening say that the friends of Mr. Morrill do not concede that the caucus nominated Mr. Hamlin, but adjourned sine die without declaring any one nominated, and that they will probably elect Mr. Morrill in joint assembly of the Legislature."

It seems that Hamlin is determined not to retire from public life, and before the people in one way and another, for about thirty years. In his younger days he was a member of the Democratic party, and fought his way to a position in the front ranks of that organization while nearly all the leaders of the party were arrayed against him, and he commanded wealth and talent, but he successfully battled with them. He had a firm hold upon the mass of the party, and with the yeomanry at his back he feared not the leaders. In convention he could always depend upon and control the country delegates, and snap his fingers at the smart lawyers from town who might think to head him off. He worked his way into the lower house of Congress, and previous to the year 1850, he was elected to fill out an unexpired term in the U. S. Senate, occasioned by the death of Senator John Fairfield. In the summer of the latter named year he was nominated by the Democratic legislative caucus, for the full Senatorial term succeeding the one he was then serving out. This nomination was bolted by a certain number of Democratic members, ostensibly on account of Hamlin's free soil proclivities, but really the bolt was got up by leading politicians to crush Hamlin. The fight lasted all summer, but finally he was elected, the free soil members going in for him at the eleventh hour. At the time a prominent Democratic politician of that day, but who has not made a very prominent figure—Ben Wiggin, was his name—made this remark: "Six years will soon roll round. I am worth forty thousand dollars, and I'll spend every cent of it, before that d—d Hamlin shall be elected Senator again." Alas, for human calculations. Six years did soon roll round. In 1856, Hamlin went home to Maine, severed his connection with the Democracy, and went into the Republican camp with twenty-five thousand followers. He was elected Governor of the State by a majority of twenty thousand. The Legislature was overwhelmingly Republican, and Hamlin was returned to the Senate with scarcely a show of opposition. Ben Wiggin's forty thousand dollars couldn't have done much towards stemming such a current of popular opinion. With Mr. Hamlin's subsequent career every one is familiar. In the light of subsequent events, no doubt a large majority of Republicans throughout the country regret exceedingly that he was not re-nominated with Mr. Lin-

coln in 1864. We say nothing as to Mr. Hamlin's political belief. There are many characteristics of the man that we admire. He is a true friend, and a bitter enemy; he never forgets a favor, and is slow to forget injuries. By force of energy and native talent, he worked his way up to the second highest position within the gift of the people of this country, and to those who are familiar with his early political struggles, his success seems to be somewhat remarkable. He has a national reputation, while the whole pack of political tykes who growled and snarled at his heels twenty or thirty years ago, have sunk into obscurity. We hope that Mr. Hamlin will succeed in this Senatorial contest, purely out of personal regard for the man.

THE BURNING WELL.—A correspondent of the Clarion Banner says: "The burning well on Sandy Creek, Ashland township, is certainly a curiosity worth visiting. As the light of this well is seen by most people in Clarion and Venango counties, a short description of it may not be entirely uninteresting to them. Before this well caught fire it continued to throw water to a great height. It was then called the 'flowing well.' Two years ago, this winter, as the water fell all around, it froze and formed a huge mass of ice with a hollow in the centre. This mass of ice was very beautiful to behold. Many persons came from far and near to see it, and all persons visiting it at that time, were certainly well paid for their trip. But shortly after, some one changed the scene by lighting the gas, which burned above the falling water and soon melted the mass of ice. The flowing well was changed to the burning well. Thus it burned and permitted darkness to come 'so far and no farther,' until about five weeks ago a company of men came on and undertook to control the gas and take out the old tools, which remained in the well. They have not been able to get out all the tools as yet, but they have tamped the well, and intend putting down another well near it, by using a part of the gas of this well as fuel, and the balance of the gas they have conducted by tubing to the top of the derrick where it burns constantly and causes the bright light seen by all within a range of twenty-five or thirty miles of the well."

Some evenings it seems much brighter than on others. This is owing to the darkness of the night, and more especially to the clouds which may be over or on the opposite side of the well, which it brightens up with a bright quivering light. Already there is a great deal of land taken up by lease on this stream, and we look upon this territory as very valuable for oil mining purposes."

In the centre of the largest valley in the great Horse Shoe Basin of the Rocky Mountains, in the Territory of Montana, there stands a remarkable land mark called "Beaver Head Rock." It overhangs a river of that name, measures 150 feet in height, and is visible for fifty miles up and down the stream. The traveler, trapper, or emigrant who has safely escaped through Dakota and reached this spot, although at the base of the Rocky Mountains, may gaze upon navigable waters that reach to the Gulf of Mexico.

This morning at about three o'clock, a serious accident occurred on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, about eighteen miles below Franklin. The engine on the passenger train, bound up, ran out of steam, and the train was run into by a freight train coming up. The sleeping car in the rear was smashed up. A lady passenger was severely injured. She is said to be the only person injured. We are unable to learn any further particulars in regard to the accident.

The three orphan children of the late Augustus Dickens have been placed by the probate court of Chicago under the guard of a ship of J. Linton Waters, Esq., an old and attached friend of the family. Mr. W. was formerly from Salem, Mass. He will undertake the charge of the children until their friends in England shall indicate what their future is to be.

On Thursday evening Sherry's New York Theatre opens at the Opera House. This company will draw well. Sherry is very popular in this community. We do not know how long the company will remain here.

The telegraph informs that the oil market is firm and advancing all around. Now is the time for producers to organize an association for the purpose of protecting themselves against excessive low prices in the future.

We are informed that the P. & E. Railroad bridge at Warren, was carried away by a freshet on Saturday.

In consequence of this the Empire Line cannot transport to New York that way.

There was a heavy snow storm in this region last night.

THE NEWS.

Some illiterate fellow writing from New York to Mr. O'Byrne, Twichell's counsel, Philadelphia, states that he killed Mrs. Hill, and that Twichell is innocent of the murder.

Columbia borough, at the other end of the Reading and Columbia Railroad, held a municipal election last Monday. Last winter the town was carried by the Democrats. This year the Republicans have made a clear sweep, of Chief Burgess and nearly all the candidates at majorities ranging from 75 to 100.

A very large deposit of iron ore has just been discovered on the farm of Tysber Stitzel, Esq., in Melden creek township, Berks county. It is first rate hematite, and is found within a few feet of the surface, and extends over a range of at least thirty acres. The deposit is said to be equal in richness and abundance to the Moslem ore banks.

Alvin Congdon, a resident of Evansburg, Crawford county, fell from the platform of a car at the Lebanon Valley Railroad Depot, Harrisburg, on Friday, and was run over by a shifting engine and instantly killed. Deceased, who was about forty-five years of age, was traveling for his health.

Maria Bromley, living with her cousin Wilder Haseen, in Rome township, Crawford county, committed suicide on Tuesday last, by taking morphine. Cause refusal of her cousin to marry her.

C. S. A. McAnan, a prominent young journalist of Philadelphia, died in that city on Friday of consumption. He was a well-known war correspondent.

Governor Geary held a reception at the Executive Mansion, Harrisburg, on Thursday evening, which was largely attended.

W. E. Bauck, a respectable citizen of Earl township, Lancaster county, committed suicide on Wednesday by hanging himself from an apple tree. No cause is assigned for the act.

Louis B. Davis, who is under sentence of death at Cleveland, for the murder of David P. Scharf last September, formerly lived in Shaffer on Oil Creek.

The Clearfield Journal says: "The prospect for a large quantity of square timber being run down the river, in the spring, is rather problematical. We have no definite data as to the supply likely to be on hand, but, if we are permitted to judge from the meagre information now before us, we believe the quantity will be quite limited."

Between eight and nine o'clock Thursday night, two separate attempts at incendiarism were perpetrated in Erie. The barn of the Tremont House, on Peach street, was fired. The flames were discovered instantly and extinguished. A few minutes afterward a store in the vicinity was found on fire by a clerk, and likewise extinguished. In both cases kerosene oil was used. The object is not known. The incendiaries have not been apprehended.

Henry R. Pierson, President of the Brooklyn City Railroad, has accepted the office of financial manager of the Chicago and North-western Railroad, and will make the city of Chicago his future home.

The New York Tribune supports Marshall O. Roberts for United States Senator. The Sun understands there is a movement on foot to bring forward Hon. Ransom Balcorn, Judge of the Supreme Court in the sixth district, as a fourth or fifth competitor.

A fire in Illinois, on Friday, destroyed the clothing and furnishing house of Steinhilmer & Marks and three saloons. Total loss \$40,000. Insurance \$20,000.

At San Francisco, Saturday, John Dixon, a recent arrival from Australia, and formerly clerk in the Oriental Bank of Melbourne, was arrested for forgery. He had on his person at the time of his arrest, letters of credit, and bills of exchange amounting to over \$85,000.

A Harvard College student, named Alger, while passing through Havenhill street, Boston, Saturday, engaged in an altercation with an old man named Maxwell, and after talking to him in an insulting manner, slapped him in the face. The old man resented by drawing a large jack-knife and plunging it once or twice into the student's bowels, causing wounds which are likely to prove fatal. Maxwell was arrested.

The Chinese and Japanese possess voices of low power, feeble compass, whining in tone, and having a metallic twang. In India and Burmah, the voice is not powerful, but shrill, soft and feminine; that of the inhabitants of the hills is more robust than that of the inhabitants of the plains. The European nations possess strong, powerful, sonorous, clear voices. The Germans possess the most powerful voices in Europe, but not as powerful as those of the Tartars. Sir Duncan Gibb, Vice President of the London Anthropological Society, has made these observations.

Good Advice.—Admitted in the Record

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 12.

Senator Chandler presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan urging the passage of the copper tariff bill, now pending in the Senate. Laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Frelinghuysen presented a petition of citizens of Georgia setting forth that it is impossible for avowed Union men to live in the rural districts of the State; that it is impossible to bring to justice the murderers of Union men; that intimidation and force has been used to make a certain class of citizens vote contrary to their interest; that palpable violations of the Fourteenth Amendment are constantly occurring, that legislation of some kind is absolutely necessary to remedy this state of things. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

H. V. Miller presented the credentials of the Senator elect from Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Hendrick's presented a remonstrance against increasing the duties on iron and steel. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate then took up the bill for the relief of Sue Murphy.

HOUSE.

Under call of States a large number of bills and resolutions were introduced for reference only, including the following:

By Mr. Lincoln, to amend the act of July 20, 1868, regulating pensions to widows and minor children of deceased soldiers. Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Schofield, to release from liability the sureties of distillers of petroleum when the principals have failed in consequence of removal of tax on oil at the last session.—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Kelly, to authorize gold contracts on the basis of the relative value of gold and United States notes. Referred to the same Committee.

By Mr. Butler a bill to aid in the administration of justice in the State of Virginia. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

The bill recites that a large majority of the Judges of the State Courts are disqualified under the Fourteenth Article of the amendment to the Constitution; that the United States Courts in that State are discharging from punishment criminals convicted of murder because of the disqualification of such Judges; that much confusion is being caused thereby in the administration of justice and in the title to real estate. It therefore provides for the suspension of judgments and decrees until the question of the validity of the Courts arising from such disqualifications be determined in the Supreme Court of the United States, all causes before which Courts to be continued, but no further proceedings had until such decision is made.

By Mr. Robinson, for the acknowledgment of the independence of Cuba or securing its annexation to the United States without purchase. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. Washburn, of Ind., introduced a bill repealing the act regulating the tenure of certain civil officers, passed March 21, 1867, and moved the previous question on its passage. The previous question was seconded. The bill passed—yeas, 121; nays, 47.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg, Jan. 8.

The Senate organized on Tuesday at 3 o'clock, W. Worthington, of Chester, being elected Speaker, and George W. Hammecker, Clerk.

The House organized at 12 o'clock, Col. John Clark being elected Speaker, and James L. Selfridge, Clerk.

The hours of meeting have been fixed at eleven to one o'clock, so that our Senators will have abundant time to attend to committee duties, and sufficient leisure for social enjoyment during the arduous session. The pasting and folding appeals to be quite a "big thing," as there is considerable of a fight over it. A resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to receive proposals for the work, was lost.

The Senatorial question is settled. John Scott, of Huntington, is the man, as you will probably hear before getting this letter.

The weather is more like unpleasant spring than mid-winter. The snow has almost entirely disappeared and the streets are muddy and disagreeable. VINDEX.

A gentleman who has lately explored the islands of Pyramid Lake, in Utah, which are avoided from some superstitious fear by the Indians, says it is impossible in the incubating season to walk on the island without stepping on the eggs of gulls, ducks, pelicans, and other aquatic fowl. Two small rocky islands are alive with rattlesnakes, which bask in the shade of almost every stone; so that an intruder is often treated to a serenade by a dozen or more rattles or various degrees of power and shades of tone.

Co-incidentally with the Oct. earthquake in California, there were shocks in many parts of Mexico, some of which were severe enough at the capital, if not at other places, to materially injure houses and alarm the people.

John, H. Surratt is said to be writing a history of his eventful life for the last four years.

MARRIED.

BRIDGROSE—McGONICK.—In this place, Jan. 11, 1885, by Rev. Jas. Farn, Mr. Michael Bridgrose and Miss Eliza McGonick, all of Petroleum Centre.

Local Notices.

Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes.—A large assortment at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Hardware.—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

ALUMINA.—This is a newly discovered article to be used for a hair dressing, which is said to be superior to anything of the kind yet placed before the public. It renders the hair soft and glossy, and will, it is said, cause the hair to grow on scalps which have long lacked such a covering. It is not properly a hair dressing, and yet it will so operate on the roots of the same when applied, as to restore it to its original color and luxuriance in a very brief period of time. It is beyond question, a very superior thing, and will more than fill the expectations of any one who may purchase it.—Syncope Paper. Try Neward's Conch Cure. It is the best. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa. nov12-1m.

Beautiful Slipper Patterns at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec15-1f.

FANCY GOODS, all descriptions, whole and retail, for Holiday Presents, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Crockery.—For all kinds go to REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Dry Goods, a large stock at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

LADIES wishing to make an appropriate present, will find beautiful SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. SMITH'S Boot & Shoe Store. dec15-1f.

BIRD CAGES, wholesale and retail. Thirty-four different styles to arrive this week, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

1,500 rolls WALL PAPER received this day at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store!

J. S. PRATHER,

At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of Flour, Feed and Groceries, which he is selling at a low figure. Don't forget the place—where A. D. Cotton & Company book up. jan12-1f.

Call and examine the fine assortment of SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec15-1f.

A large assortment of FINE SEWED BOOTS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec15-1f.

DIARIES for \$50 at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Carpets, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BROADHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

CANARY BIRDS, best German imported, whole and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Excelsior Billiard Parlors.
To enjoy a delightful and quiet game of Billiards, go to A. O. Farnham's Excelsior Billiard Parlors, on Washington Street, next door to the Rehearse House. These Parlors are within a short distance of most of the principal hotels in Petroleum Centre. may 9-1f.

PAPER AND ENVELOPES at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

THE best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Prather's Excelsior Foot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. sep10-1f.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE following persons will make application for License at the January term of the Court of Quarter Sessions:
A. J. Christie, Pithole, Who's-a-He.
Samuel Rice, Porters, Wholesale.
J. H. McLean, Conplanter, restaurant.
Jan12-3. J. H. SMITH, Clerk.

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